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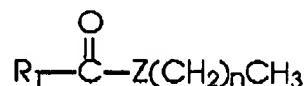
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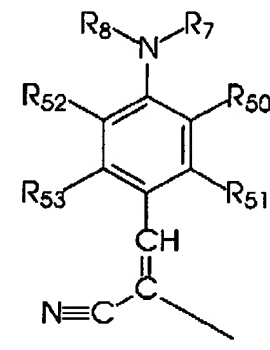
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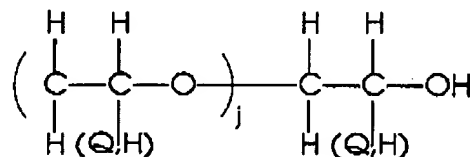
1. (Currently Amended) A compound having the formula:



~~wherein  $R_1$ , Z and the carbonyl can be comprised by a common ring,~~  
~~wherein  $R_1$  comprises a chromophore that absorbs light from the visible~~  
~~wavelength range; is a group of the formula~~



~~wherein  $R_{50}$ ,  $R_{51}$ ,  $R_{52}$ , and  $R_{53}$  are selected from the group consisting of~~  
~~hydrogen, halogens, hydroxy groups, alkoxy groups, trifluoromethyl~~  
~~groups, and alkyl groups, and can be the same as one another or~~  
~~different than one another,  $R_7$  and  $R_8$  are hydrogen, alkyl, aryl, or chains~~  
~~having the formula~~



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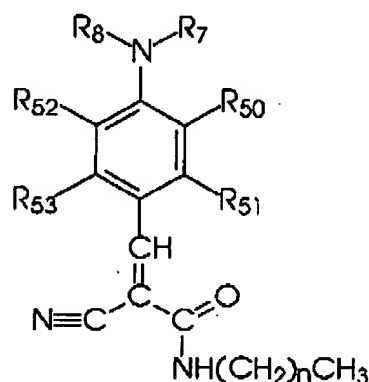
wherein j is an integer from 0 to about 300, wherein the representation of "(Q,H)" indicates that either a group Q or a hydrogen can be in the shown positions, wherein the group Q is either an alkyl group or an aryl group, and wherein Q can vary amongst different alkyl and aryl groups within the chain, wherein Z is an atom or group of atoms, said atom or group of atoms including at least one atom selected from the group consisting of C, O, N and S; NH, and wherein n is an integer that is at least 39.

2. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1 wherein n is not more than 299.

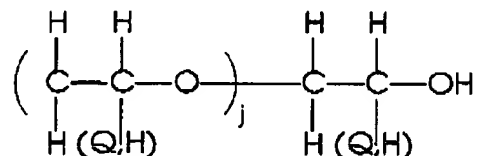
3-5. (Cancelled)

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6. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 1 having the formula



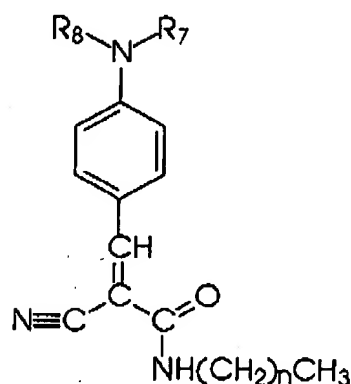
wherein ~~R<sub>50</sub>, R<sub>51</sub>, R<sub>52</sub>, and R<sub>53</sub>~~ are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogens, hydroxy groups, alkoxy groups, trifluoromethyl groups, and alkyl groups, and can be the same as one another or different than one another, and wherein at least one of R<sub>7</sub> and R<sub>8</sub> comprises a chain having the formula:



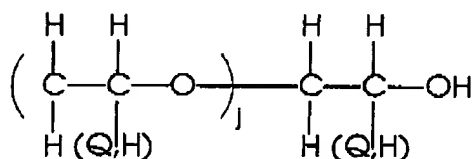
wherein ~~j is an integer from 0 to about 300~~, wherein the representation of "(Q,H)" indicates that either a group Q or a hydrogen can be in the shown positions, wherein the group Q is either an alkyl group or an aryl group, and wherein Q can vary amongst different alkyl and aryl groups within the chain.

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7. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 1 having the formula



wherein at least one of  $R_7$  and  $R_8$  comprises a chain having the formula,

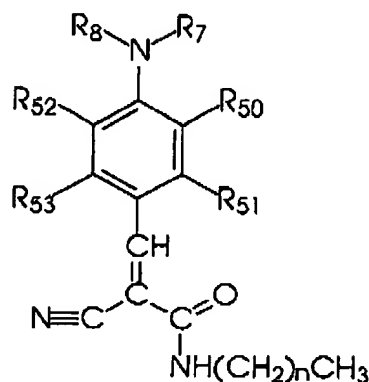


wherein  $j$  is an integer from 0 to about 300, wherein the representation of "(Q,H)" indicates that either a group Q or a hydrogen can be in the shown positions, wherein the group Q is either an alkyl group or an aryl group, and wherein Q can vary amongst different alkyl and aryl groups within the chain.

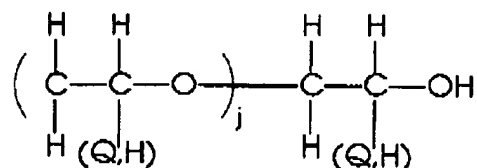
8-67. (Cancelled)

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68. (Previously Presented) A compound having the formula



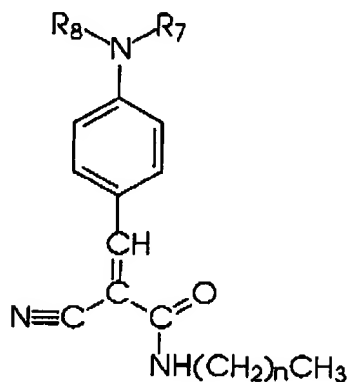
wherein  $n$  is an integer that is at least 17,  $\text{R}_{50}$ ,  $\text{R}_{51}$ ,  $\text{R}_{52}$ , and  $\text{R}_{53}$  are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen atoms, hydroxy groups, alkoxy groups, trifluoromethyl groups, and alkyl groups, and can be the same as one another or different from one another; and wherein at least one of  $\text{R}_7$  and  $\text{R}_8$  comprises a chain having the formula



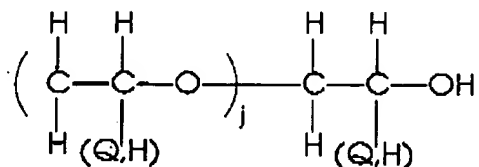
wherein  $j$  is an integer of from 0 to about 300, wherein the representation of "(Q,H)" indicates that either a group  $\text{Q}$  or a hydrogen can be in the shown positions, wherein the group  $\text{Q}$  is either an alkyl group or an aryl group, and wherein  $\text{Q}$  can vary amongst different alkyl and aryl groups within the chain.

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69. (Previously Presented) A compound having the formula



wherein n is an integer that is at least 17, and wherein at least one of R<sub>7</sub> and R<sub>8</sub> comprises a chain having the formula



wherein j is an integer of from 0 to about 300, wherein the representation of "(Q,H)" indicates that either a group Q or a hydrogen can be in the shown positions, wherein the group Q is either an alkyl group or an aryl group, and wherein Q can vary amongst different alkyl and aryl groups within the chain.

70. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 68 wherein j is at least 1.

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71. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 69 wherein  $j$  is at least 1.

72. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 68 wherein  $Q$  is methyl.

73. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 69 wherein  $Q$  is methyl.



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